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Arizona Attorney General and Riverview LLP reach agreement to support water access and conservation in Arizona's Sulphur Springs Valley

Today, Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes and Riverview LLP announced a voluntary agreement to improve domestic water access for residents in the Sulphur Springs Valley of Cochise County, Arizona.

Under the Agreement, Riverview will implement a plan to continue its water conservation efforts in Cochise County, as well as contribute \$11 million to a pair of new assistance funds that will support Riverview's neighbors and other residences in the Sulphur Springs Valley facing water-related challenges.

As part of the agreement:

- Riverview will temporarily transition 2,000 acres from row-crop production to other uses. This will occur in phases over 12 years.
- Riverview will commit \$5.5 million over 20 years for the benefit of local homeowners, schools, or water supply systems. These dollars will be available to eligible applicants within 1.6 miles of a Riverview well who have a need for water supply assistance.
- Riverview will contribute \$5.5 million to a separate fund administered by a non-profit entity for the benefit of applicants located within the Sulphur Springs Valley, but more than 1.6 miles from a Riverview well. These dollars will be managed by the non-profit entity and an advisory board, though the agreement stipulates that well-drilling and water supply efforts will be prioritized.

Riverview statement:

"Riverview values stewardship of the land and water – a healthy environment is essential to everything we do. That's why we have invested and innovated over the past decade to ensure our farms in Cochise County are equipped with the best available technology to conserve water, as well as voluntarily reduced water use. Riverview also recognizes the water challenges facing the Sulphur Springs Valley, and we want to be part of the solution. Attorney General Mayes has helped highlight these challenges, and we appreciate her efforts in identifying these tangible steps to help Arizonans in need. By working together with state and local leaders, we can strengthen local water access and build a more sustainable future."

Dr. Jeff Silvertooth, Professor of Agronomy and Soil Science, University of Arizona
Statement:

“I’m glad to see the positive development announced in Cochise County. Riverview has been a strong community partner, providing resources and engaging in collaborative dialogue to address water challenges. This agreement puts a structure in place to further support their community engagement and conservation efforts. For more than a decade, Riverview has invested in upgrading its well and irrigation infrastructure to improve water-use efficiency. They are truly an industry leader when it comes to stewardship of land, water, and natural resources.

Community Members’ Statement:

“Thanks to the Attorney General and the folks at Riverview for coming together to establish an opportunity that could last many generations. This offers some mechanisms for communities to come together to pool funds for water and the betterment of the whole group and the whole community,” said Ed Curry, a Riverview neighbor, fourth-generation chile farmer in Pearce, Arizona, and President of Curry Seed and Chile Company. “This kind of agreement can bring peace across all of rural Arizona, not just Willcox. This brings some good hope, not only for today, but for many generations to come, to help us keep rural Arizona sustainable.”

Robin Varnum, General Manager, Elfrida Water Improvement District Statement:

“Our small town of Elfrida has faced significant challenges due to repeated well failures that threatened our ability to provide a reliable water supply for residents. When Riverview learned of these difficulties, they reached out with genuine concern and practical solutions. Their decision to donate a brand-new well was truly transformative for our community.

From planning through installation, Riverview demonstrated professionalism and care, ensuring the project was completed efficiently and correctly. Even after completion, their team continued to check in regularly to make sure everything was operating smoothly and our water supply remained dependable.

This level of ongoing support is exceptional and has made a lasting difference in our community’s well-being. Thanks to Riverview’s generosity and commitment, Elfrida now has a reliable water supply and renewed peace of mind for our residents. Their actions reflect a deep dedication to community partnership and long-term solutions.”

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